

Recycling Public Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, September 24, 2014

Location: Rehoboth Beach Convention Center, Conference Suite, 229 Rehoboth Avenue
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

Members present: BJ Vinton, Chairman (CSWSC)
Dick Cecil (DE Association of Counties)
Marianne Cinaglia (DelEASI)
Marjorie Crofts (DNREC)
Kelly Davis (Educator, DelTech-Owens Campus)
Michael Fusca (Alcohol Beverage Industry)
Stan Mills (League of Local Governments)
Julie Miro Wenger (Del. Food Industry Council) via conference call
Brian Nixon (DE Chamber of Commerce)
Mike Parkowski (DSWA)
Coralie Pryde (League of Women Voters)
Paul Bickhart (Recycling Industry)
Adam Webster (Restaurant Industry)
Bob Ziegler (Waste Hauler Industry)

Members absent: George Danneman (Soda Beverage Industry)
Brenna Goggin (Delaware Nature Society)

Non-members present: Jim Short (DNREC) Bill Miller (DNREC)
Kim Foster (DNREC) Nancy Marker (DNREC)
Marshall Budin (DNREC) Allen Theinpont (Waste Industries)
Robert Clemens (Goodwill)

BJ Vinton called the meeting to order at approximately 1:30 p.m., followed by introductions

Public Comments - None

Approval of Minutes - June 23, 2014 Meeting

The June minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Initial Items

BJ announced that, regarding end dates for membership terms, until a Council Member resigns, they will remain a Member.

Bill M. explained that the Holland Mulch site is now fully open and operational, taking yard waste for free from Delaware residents. It is located at 1034 S. Chapel Street just north of Old Baltimore Pike in Newark. Marj added that the General Assembly provided an additional \$150,000 to help DNREC manage the Polly Drummond Hill Road Yard Waste Demonstration Site.

Stan discussed Senator Peterson's letter to the RPAC Members. After some discussion, a subcommittee of the RPAC will meet to discuss a response and will then coordinate a meeting with Senator Peterson. Marj also suggested inviting Representative Miro and Representative Ramone.

Universal Recycling Grant/Loan Applications

Jim S. provided a synopsis of the Universal Recycling Grant Scoring Subcommittee scoring and funding recommendations. In brief, sixteen applications were received requesting total funding of \$1,156,619.08.

Of the 16 applications, the Subcommittee recommended four (4) for full funding; four (4) for partial funding; and eight (8) for no funding. The total recommended award for this grant cycle is \$96,670.17. Following discussion, Marj motioned to vote on the Subcommittee recommendations. Stan M. seconded with provisos that funding for food waste diversion and composting grants be subject to identification of an alternative outlet in the event the Wilmington Organics Recycling Center (WORC) is closed and assurance that food waste collection containers funded under the grant program are not duplicating containers provided under the State food waste hauling contract. A voice vote was taken with a majority voting to approve the Subcommittee recommendations. Voting in favor were: Kelly, Mike F., Stan, Marianne, Coralie, Dick, Marj, Brian, and Adam. The following abstained from voting: Mike P., Julie, Bob Z., and BJ. Bill thanked those that participated in the Subcommittee with him: BJ, Kelly, Stan, Coralie, Paul, Jim, and Marshall. The attached table identifies the grant applicants, project summary, and recommended funding. With respect to the next grant cycle, consensus was to offer a second round prioritizing schools with an announcement in November with an extended application period through February.

Plastic Bags in single-stream recycling

Marj explained that there has been public interest in legislation calling for a fee on plastic shopping bags. She asked for RPAC's ideas and what Members think is necessary, for future discussion.

Recycling Market Update

Mike P. stated that DSWA's electronics recycling contractor went out of business in mid-July. They have a temporary contract with ECOvanta. Mike said that the business model for electronics recycling didn't take into account worldwide changes in decreased demand for CRT glass. He mentioned that SIMS, a large CRT glass recycler has largely scaled back. Costs to recyclers to manage CRT glass are increasing as demand for recovered glass is decreasing rapidly. Previously DSWA was paying \$0.04/lb. to manage electronics; the current rate is \$0.25/lb. So DSWA is scaling back its drop-off options to one day per week collection at select sites; and combining electronics with HHW collection events and increasing from 10 to 17. Marj commented that extended producer responsibility legislation is needed. DSWA is still providing free electronics collection from schools and government offices.

Mike P. added that DSWA and ReCommunity have seen a decrease in the value of single-stream recyclables. Their primary outlet for glass, eCullet, went out of business. Plastics and paper prices are low. Haulers are tipping single-stream in New Castle County at no cost and are paying in Kent/Sussex. Paul said paper prices are somewhat stable, but cardboard dropped from \$100 to \$95/ton; the lowest it's been in a year. Scrap metal has been steady at a year or more at about \$9.00 per hundredweight. Bob Z. said that the outlook is not good for post-holiday prices, which are traditionally lower.

Scheduling Future Meetings

Following discussion of the logistics of scheduling meetings, future meetings will be held on the following dates: December 3rd, January 28th, February 25th, March 25th, April 22nd, May 27th, and June 24th. Meeting times will be 1:30 -3:30pm, and locations are to be determined but rotate in Kent, New Castle, and Sussex County respectively.

Old/New Business

Mike announced the ribbon cutting of the Revolution Recovery facility at the DRC on Friday, September 26, 2014.

Kelly commented that she visited a number of State Park campgrounds over the past several months and most do not have recycling containers where there are trash containers. BJ commented on getting the State to increase recycling.

BJ asked about the status of the Wilmington Organics Recycling Center (WORC) in light of their decision to suspend receipt of new material. Bill explained the status of the Peninsula Composting

Company's request to renew their Beneficial Use Determination is still awaiting the process that will result in a decision of the Secretary. DNREC has issued a letter to Peninsula allowing them to continue to operate on an interim basis until a Secretary's Order is issued. Separate from any decision of the DNREC, Peninsula has indicated that they have voluntarily suspended their acceptance of waste. DNREC does not know if this is temporary or permanent or any other details.

Additional Public Comments - None

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2014, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Tatnall Building, 150 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd in Dover.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Universal Recycling Grant & Loan Program, Cycle 5 -Requested & Suggested Funding Summary			
Application Period Ending August 14, 2014			
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Applicant↓	Requested Funding	Suggested Funding	Project Summary
Kirk Middle School - Compost	\$1,010.68	\$1,010.68	School Composting - Supplies and materials to implement a pilot kitchen food waste composting project.
Mt Pleasant Elementary School	\$2,881.45	\$2,881.45	School Recycling - Containers and signage to establish single stream recycling program w/ collection of food waste for off-site composting.
St. Andrews School	\$5,790.00	\$5,790.00	School Organics Collection - Expand organics collection (food and paper towel waste) to dormitories and add paper towel waste to the current collection mix.
Kirk Middle School - Recycling	\$5,581.50	\$3,781.50	School Composting - Supplies and materials to implement a pilot kitchen food waste composting project.
Delmar School District	\$1,459.00	\$1,459.00	School Recycling - Recycling containers; integration of waste reduction and recycling into curriculum.
Wesley College	\$93,114.84	\$42,736.04	Higher Ed. Recycling - Funding to establish a campus wide single stream recycling program.
Dover Downs Hotel & Casino	\$12,700.00	\$0.00	Employee Training - Train 50 employees to plan, implement and manage a comprehensive waste material diversion effort with goal to divert 75% of the organization's waste stream
Waste Management	\$269,973.28	\$0.00	Organic Recycling - Expansion of collection service in northern Delaware (carts and dumpsters); start up costs to implement collection in the southern Delaware (sealed roll-off collection container and rear load truck)
First State Disposal, Inc.	\$42,755.75	\$0.00	Commercial Recycling - Meet capacity needs of current and prospective customers via 549 (95) gl carts, and 12 dumpsters
Brandywine Sprouts Roots & Shoots	\$15,325.00	\$0.00	Educational Outreach -Increase awareness of plastic bag disposal, reuse, recycling, and reusable bag options; attempt to collect data from retail collection points.
University of Delaware	\$49,186.00	\$31,011.50	Recycling Study - Survey of Delawarean's attitudes, perceptions and actions related to recycling; deliver final report to inform policy makers on future measures to support achievement of goals set forth in the Universal Recycling statute.
Evergreen Waste Services	\$488,090.33	\$8,000.00	Residential Recycling - Rear loader/packer truck; four thousand 64 & 96 gl carts; customer education via 5 mailed newsletters.
Bartology	\$38,400.00	\$0.00	Recycling Business Development - Straight truck for pick-up and delivery; promotion of services
Riverview Holdings / Securis Delaware	\$13,691.25	\$0.00	Recycling Business Development - Increase diversion of obsolete electronic equipment via collection and material handling equipment.
Unfinished Business	\$41,660.00	\$0.00	Reuse Business Development - Funding for resale business to; rent truck, pay driver/helper; pay sorter; rent sorting space; rent storage space.
Recycling Reinvented	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	Recycling Study -Quantify generation rates of packaging and printed paper; analyze the costs and benefits of applying an EPR model to create a sustainable funding source, post bottle recycling fee .
Total	\$1,156,619	\$96,670.17	DRAFT - DO NOT DISTRIBUTE